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**ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION  
FOR WEEK ENDING 17-Apr-04 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	CURRENT WEEK 04/17/04	PREVIOUS WEEK 04/10/04
BRO-FRY	158,112	155,106
LT HENS	1,494	1,495
HVY HENS	1,366	1,360

**U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA**

WEEK ENDING 10-Apr-04 (THOUSAND HEAD)

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
HEAD	200	0	200
HEAD SLTR COMPARISONS			
LAST WEEK	211	0	211
SAME WEEK YR AGO	281	8	289
TO-DATE/2004	3,200	40	3,240
TO-DATE/2003	4,334	57	4,391

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION  
TOTAL U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN THE U.S. AND CANADA

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
HEAD	1,562	1,305	2,867
HEAD SLTR COMPARISONS			
LAST WEEK	1,445	1,172	2,617
SAME WEEK YR AGO	2,236	1,229	3,465
TO-DATE/2004	21,070	17,723	38,793
TO-DATE/2003	28,294	18,940	47,234

**LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION  
WEEK ENDING 10-Apr-04 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
HEAD	150,462	1,362	1,305	2,667
AVG WT	5.22	3.41	8.06	5.69
HEAD SLTR COMPARISONS				
LAST WEEK	152,052	1,234	1,172	2,406
SAME WK YR AGO	152,185	1,955	1,221	3,176
AVG WT	5.17	3.44	8.00	5.19
TO-DATE/2004	2,144,901	17,870	17,683	35,553
TO-DATE/2003	2,116,286	23,960	18,883	42,843

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 157.6 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 152.3 million head or 5.3 million head less than or 97% of estimated fryers available.

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION,  
CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING 03-Apr-2004

(A) FAST FOOD/FOOD SERVICE (B) RETAIL (C) DEBONING  
4.20 LBS & DOWN 4.21-5.25 LBS 5.26 LBS & UP  
-----THOUSANDS-----

Head	26,303	23,744	43,048
Avg Weight	3.76	4.70	6.34
% of total /1	28%	26%	46%
Last week	26,131	26,466	47,557
Avg Weight	3.58	4.76	6.24
% of total /1	26%	26%	47%
Same week, yr ago /2	23,614	25,770	39,318
Avg Weight	3.86	4.80	6.20
% of total /1	27%	29%	44%
To date/2004	342,029	284,036	569,195
To date/2003	316,788	290,230	555,484

/1 MAY NOT TOTAL TO 100% DUE TO ROUNDING

/2 COMPARABLE WEEK

- (A) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the fast food and food service industries. May also include Cornish hens.  
(B) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the retail industry.  
(C) This weight class generally denotes chickens used in further processing. May also include heavy roasters sold in retail channels.

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED WEEK ENDING 10-Apr-04  
(THOUSAND HEAD)

	YOUNG (B) HENS	TOMS	YOUNG BREEDERS	OLD BREEDERS	TOTAL
HEAD	1,589	2,278	38	12	3,917
AVG WT	15.46	36.96	25.79	31.99	28.12
HEAD SLTR COMPARISONS					
LAST WEEK	1,735	2,599	61	7	4,402
SAME WK YR AGO	1,978	2,909	71	9	4,967
AVG WT	15.69	37.15	25.97	30.31	28.44
TO-DATE/2004	23,676	34,501	626	116	58,919
TO-DATE/2003	24,174	37,665	836	233	62,908

SOURCE: USDA/AMS POULTRY PROGRAMS, MARKET NEWS BRANCH.  
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